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RED GOLD MYSTERY

Senate Internal Security Committee looking into Russian gold sales has found nothing sensational—but is very short of facts.

It can't find out how much gold Russia produces, what its gold reserves are, how much it sells abroad each year.

Guesses on sales run from \$150 million to \$300 million annually. There's some indication sales are increasing this year—perhaps because of Red production of new, advanced weapons.

Financial top man here says there's nothing wrong about free world buying Russian gold; that it adds to our monetary gold stocks, and this is a good prop for a healthy economy.

New day seems to be dawning at U. S. Information . Service.

Word's out to field men to quit relying on short-wave broadcasts, quit interviewing each other. They're told to start building contacts with local newspapermen, in their town language, and at their own level—in native bars and restaurants, if necessary.

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